

MCDONALD ON CLEVELAND.

THE SHELVED SENATOR SPEAKS HIS
MIND WITH FREEDOM.

tion a few days since to meet more closely the workings of the Democratic administration," said ex-Senator McDonald to a *Telegraph* reporter this evening. "It is disappointing. If Cleveland's nomination were a question of to-day he would not be placed at the head of the ticket. His course loses him the support of his own party without attracting recruits from Republican ranks. The recent manifesto of George W. Curtis is only the proclamation of a disgruntled and important faction of

"At this time Sherman is the strongest Republican, with the possible exception of Conkling, but I believe Mr. Blaine will be the Republican candidate for 1888. He is daily making friends, and all that is needed to insure his election is for Mr. Cleveland to persist in his present course.

"Democrats are much worried over the disclosures in the Pan-Electric cases, and perhaps a majority think Mr. Garland should at once retire. On the whole the Democratic party is not so certain after all that it won a victory in 1884."

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GEN. BLAKE'S WEAK CASE

The Flimsiness of His Charges Made More Apparent.

The examination of Gen. Black on the charge made by him that prior to his administration the pension office had been run as a political machine was continued by the Senate committee on the expenditure of public moneys yesterday. When the case of Joseph W. Fifer, of Bloomington, Ill., was called, Chairman Cullom asked witness what there was peculiar in it. Gen. Black, after examining the papers, said he was unable to answer the question, as an important

paper had disappeared from the files since they had been placed in the custody of the committee. The man said he might be able to supply the deficiency, and, looking over another case he found a letter written by himself (Senator Cullom) to Commissioner Dudley, which was recognized by Commissioner Black as the missing paper. The commissioner read the letter as follows: "I am anxious to have this man's pension increased to \$24 per month. He is one of the truest men God ever made was shot just about as President Garfield was. I know him well. A little work breaks him down. Please give this atten-

Sen. Beek showed from the records that prior to the receipt of Senator Cullom's note medical boards had never rated the claimant above \$12 a month, but subsequent thereto the rate was increased by the commissioner to \$24 a month. Mr. Cullom inquired if the commissioner thought it wrong for a congressman to certify to the truth and worth of a claimant if he knew the facts in the case. The commissioner replied that he did not, and he by no means imputed any wrong to Senator Cullom.

In reply to Senator Beek witness stated it was just this class of cases which led to

Gov. Cullom the commissioner said he had never heard of the Fifer case until he had made his report nor until after the resolution calling for the investigation had been

Replying to a question if he had not in fact been ransacking the files of his office to find material to support the statement made in his report, Commissioner Mac

THE PAN-ELECTRIC SCANDAL

Frank Admissions by Ex-Representative Casey Young.

The Pan-Electric telephone investigation committee continued the examination of Col. Casey Young yesterday. Mr. Ranne cross-examined the witness at length upon

The matter, he said, was a matter of the House and not of the Senate. He had just introduced a resolution to have J. Harris Rogers appointed electrician of the capitol. Wilson frankly stated that he had tried to secure the appointment for Rogers, and that he had had a resolution introduced in the House and referred to the committee.

expenditures in the Interior Department of which witness was chairman, directing that Rogers be appointed to the position in the regular way the resolution would have come to that committee. It was

sent there upon the request of witness, who believes the position should be filled by competitive examination. Witness went to the architect of the capitol in behalf of Rogers, and was told that the latter would

Mr. Ranney asked if the Pan-Electric Company had not abstained from taking an active part in the proceedings at the Interior Department, because it did not want to go up to the Department of Justice.

"Of course, that was an object," replied the witness.

"If I am under trial for fraud on the Attorney General," replied the witness, "I am prepared to answer it, but I did not think that there was any impropriety in the Pacific Electric or any other company asking the Attorney General to bring suit."

The St. George's Society,
The St. George's Society, which has shown remarkable revival of late, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Dr. C. E. Mallam; first vice-president, W. Houghton; second vice-president, Walter C.

man; treasurer, John Cook; secretary, R. Stanly; physician, Dr. R. D. B. French; member, C. E. Benjamin. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring president and secretaries, Messrs. Lewis, Abraham and Henry de Wit. The society meets to-morrow night to decide upon the time and place for holding the George's day dinner. As the day comes, said F. de Wit, the following is a list of the

will probably be selected for the celebration. In his annual report Almoner Benjamin uses a diminution in tramp applications for assistance, due, as he believed to the increased vigilance at immigration ports to exclude importers of paupers from the country.

The proposition to restore the old bridge across the eastern branch at the east terminus of Pennsylvania avenue is being seriously agitated in East Washington. A meeting will be held at 1 o'clock, when the District Commissioners will hear the committee, and an appropriation will be asked for from Congress.

The Master Tinnerns Organize.

A large meeting of the employing tinners was held at St. George's Hall, on Flove street, last night, and the Boss Tinnerns' Protective Association was organized by the election of the following officers: A. Ward,

7 | Garton, secretary, and Augusta Eberly, the
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